

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Claim 1-3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Amended) ~~The cuff block, as claimed in claim 1, wherein A cuff-block for the non-invasive sensing within a finger of arterial blood pressure, comprising:~~
~~a cuff adapted to be placed over a proximal or a medial finger portion of an artery in the finger; and~~
~~means for holding said cuff on said finger such that the cuff is supported on said finger at a plurality of discrete portions remote from said artery, said holding means comprises comprising a cuff-holding portion, two forked supporting portions each extended from said cuff-holding, a belt-like portion formed by integrating the free ends of said forked supporting portions, and a ratchet mechanism provided in connection with a free end support of said belt-like portion and an outer surface of said cuff-holding portion.~~

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The cuff-block as claimed in claim 4, wherein said ratchet mechanism comprises a saw-tooth portion formed on an outer surface of said free end portion of said belt-like portion and a stopper formed on the outer surface of said cuff-holding portion.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The cuff-block as claimed in claim 5,
wherein said saw-tooth portion comprises a plurality of concave and convex portions extended
parallel to one another in a width direction of said free end portion of said belt-like portion, and
said stopper is comprised of a wire and holding portions for fixedly holding both end of said
wire, said wire being capable of being engaged with any one of said concave portions.